

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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**DIRECTED PINK SALMON OPENS IN ELIM SUBDISTRICT TODAY**

Commercial salmon fishing will open today at noon for one directed pink salmon opening in Norton Sound Subdistrict 3, the Elim Subdistrict. This period will be from 12:00 noon Saturday, July 7 to 12:00 noon Sunday, July 8. Commercial salmon fishing for pink salmon also reopens in Norton Bay Subdistrict for 48 hours from 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 8 to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 10. Permit holders in Subdistricts 3 and 4 are limited to 100 fathoms of net in aggregate length and mesh size is limited to 4 ½ inches or less to target pink salmon. Elim Subdistrict consists of all marine waters from the mouth of Carson Creek eastward to the tip of Isaac's Point and Norton Bay Subdistrict encompasses marine waters eastward of a line drawn from Isaac's Point south to Point Dexter.

These openings will provide some commercial harvest of pink salmon while safeguarding chum salmon from being harvested incidentally in commercial set nets. Incidental chum salmon harvest in the Elim Subdistrict will be evaluated to determine the timing and extent of subsequent commercial periods so that pink salmon harvests can be maximized while conserving chum salmon for subsistence needs and escapement to the Kwiniuk and Tubutulik River drainages.

For any questions regarding fishing please call Fish & Game in Nome at 443-5167 or 1-800-560-2271, or the Unalakleet Fish and Game field office at 624-3921.

Good Luck and Good Fishing.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Nome.